



CERVUS ALCES
Wheeling Elks Lodge No. 28
“A Fraternal Organization”
January / February, 2012



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EXALTED RULER’S

MESSAGE: As we finish celebrating the holidays and welcome the arrival of 2012, let us count our many blessings. We had a fruitful year in 2011 with many accomplishments in our various Elks programs.

These included social entertainment, youth activities, Americanism and Veteran appreciation, and Christmas food baskets. Thanks to Leading Knight, Marty Kimball, and Lodge Secretary, Marty Haynes, for spearheading that event.

As you will see elsewhere in this issue, plans have been made for a Valentines Dance to be held at the Lodge on Saturday, February 18, 2012. This will include a live band. Please plan to attend. Under the leadership of our PER President, Glen Shook, our Lodge PERs have been busy in preparing for this Dance.

We also want to thank Cathy Miller, Rich Miller and Dave Buzzard for doing such an outstanding job of decorating our Lodge for Christmas. Compliments also to our bar manager, Frank Bonacci, for keeping on top of our bar activities and working many long hours behind the bar himself.

I cannot begin to express how thankful I am for the help I get from the Lodge Officers and our Lodge Committees. They are all doing outstanding work. As Exalted Ruler, I am only as good as my Officers, and I have had the opportunity to work with the best. I would like to extend my best wishes to everyone. I hope you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chuck Majewski, ER

LODGE MEETINGS: Remember that Lodge meetings are currently held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month at 7:00 pm at the Lodge Building in South Wheeling.

ELKS MAGAZINE: The Elks Magazine is now available for viewing at www.elks.org.

WANTED: Our Lodge needs a webmaster. Compensation is a free parking place at the Lodge. Our Lodge is growing and we need a website. If you can help, please see the Lodge Secretary.

SUPER BOWL PARTY: The Trustees are pleased to announce our Lodge will be holding its first ever Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 5, 2012. The Lodge will open for the Party on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 pm. As many of you know, the actual game will not begin until approximately 6:30 pm. However, there will be plenty of good food and drink available all day long.

In order to be admitted to the party, you **must** purchase at least one square on our Super Bowl Board. The squares are selling for \$50.00/square. We will pay out a total of \$4,000.00 of the \$5,000.00 in proceeds that are raised through the sale of the squares.

As this issue went to press, nearly 75 of the 100 squares had been sold. Therefore, if you would like to purchase a square and gain admission to the party, please contact either Ray Johnson at (304) 281-9000, or Jeff Miller at (304) 233-3511 to secure your square today!

Please plan to join us on February 5th for what promises to be a fun time for everyone!

PER VALENTINE’S DANCE: The PER Association is pleased to announce the return of dancing to the Elks! The PERs will be holding a Valentine’s Dance on Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 8:00 pm until 11:30 pm. The cost will be \$20/couple. The band will be The Silver Eagles. There will be a cash bar. The PERs will also provide some snacks.

Please plan to join us on February 18, 2012 for what promises to be a fun evening. As a great Elk once said, “a dancing Elk is a happy Elk”!

Although reservations are not required, if you are planning to attend, please call or e-mail Jeff Miller at (304) 233-3511 (work) or at Jmiller@bhbglaw.com.

E-MAIL ADDRESSES NEEDED!: Attention all Elks! We need your e-mail address! The Lodge continues to spend considerable monies to print and mail this Cervus Alces. If we could send it to you by e-mail, it would save us considerable expense. Therefore, if you are receiving this issue by regular mail, please send your e-mail address to Jeff Miller at Jmiller@bhbglaw.com. Thanks for your cooperation.

ELKS NATIONAL HOME: Now is your chance! For the first time in quite a while, there are several vacancies in the apartments at the Elks National Home. There are single rooms and suites available as well. So, if you are interested in residency or even in getting more information for the future, please call or e-mail the Home. It doesn't cost you a thing to check it out. Just call 1-800-552-4140 or e-mail enhome@elkshome.org. They will be glad to talk with you and answer your questions. More information is also available at www.elkshome.org.

ENF UPDATE: As of December 22, 2011, the Lodge had donated \$1242.00 to the ENF for the current Lodge year. That comes to \$4.09/member. This year's goal has again been set by the GER at \$4.50/member. To meet that goal, Wheeling Lodge must donate at least \$1,368.00. If you have not already made a donation to the ENF this year, and would like to do so, please contact the Lodge Chairperson, Jeff Miller, at (304) 233-3511 (work).

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT: For January and February 2012, the Elks Club Bar will open on the following evenings at 5:00 pm: Thursday, Jan. 5th; Thursday, Jan. 19th; Thursday Feb. 2nd; Thursday, Feb. 16th; and Saturday, Feb. 18th.

TRUSTEES REPORT: The Trustees continue to offer the large Lodge / Activities room in the front of our new building for rent. If any member of the Lodge wishes to rent that room, the cost is \$100.00 for 4 hours. \$50.00 of that amount will be returned to you if you and your party clean up the room yourself after your event. For non-members, the rate is \$250.00 for 4 hours. Once again, \$50.00 of that rental fee will be returned if the renting party cleans up the room after the event. This room is perfect for office parties, family reunions, class reunions, wedding receptions, baby/bridal showers or any other functions you may have. The Lodge kitchen facilities are also available. Please think of your Lodge! Anyone wishing to make arrangements to rent that room for a social function should contact Ray Johnson at (304) 281-9000.

SICKNESS AND DISTRESS: If you know of any Lodge member who is sick or in distress, please contact Exalted Ruler Chuck Majewski at (304) 845-5405

ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE: When a family desires an Elks Funeral Service, the immediate family must request directly to Secretary Loris Haynes, or any Officer of the Lodge. This is a very warm and touching service performed by the Wheeling Elks Officers.

ELKS MEMORIAL SERVICE A solemn and impressive Memorial Service was conducted by ER Chuck Majewski and the officers of Wheeling Lodge on Sunday, December 4, 2011. This annual service honors the memory of those members who have died during the preceding year. Invitations were extended to the families of each deceased member. Many family members attended the service. Each widow in attendance was presented with a red rose. Memorial Service Chairperson Lewis Newman and his wife, Mary Ann, deserve a big Thank You for working so hard to prepare for such a successful and memorable event. The Lodge has submitted a brochure in the Grand Lodge competition for Best Subordinate Lodge Memorial Service.

CONGRATULATIONS NEW MEMBERS: The Officers and Trustees would like to congratulate Roxie Derheimer, Jason Rosnick, John Powell, Michelle Powell and Trisha McClain, all of whom were recently initiated as new members of the Lodge. If you see any of these new members, please congratulate them and encourage them to become active in our Lodge.



Shown following the Initiation on November 17, 2011 are seated, Roxie Derheimer and Michelle Powell. Standing, Jason Rosnick, ER Chuck Majewski and John Powell.

LIFE MEMBERS: To be eligible for life membership in Wheeling Lodge, you must be at least 65 years old, and have been an Elk for 50 years with 10 consecutive years of membership in Wheeling Lodge. As of January 1, 2012, we have three members who are now eligible to become life members. They are Harold J. Catlett, Jr., James W. Ewing, II, and W. Spencer Haines. A vote on their election as life members will take place at the regular Lodge meeting on January 19, 2012.

LODGE OFFICERS FOR 2012-2013 Nominations for Lodge officers for 2012-2013 will be received at the regular Lodge meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, February 2, 2012. We are always in need of good Lodge officers. The Lodge year runs from April 1, 2012 through March 31, 2013. The election of officers will be held at the following Lodge meeting at 7 pm on Thursday, February 16, 2012. Officers to be elected include Exalted Ruler, Leading Knight, Loyal Knight, Lecturing Knight, Secretary, Treasurer, Tiler and one Trustee. The newly elected Exalted Ruler will appoint the Lodge's Esquire, Chaplain and Inner Guard.

OFFICERS 2011-2012:

Exalted Ruler	Chuck Majewski
Est. Leading Knight	Marty Kimball
Est. Loyal Knight	Frank Bonacci
Est. Lecturing Knight	Elizabeth Pernell
Secretary	Marty Haynes
Treasurer	Gloria Delbrugge
Esquire	Bob Tush
Chaplain	Nick Conti
Inner Guard	Ed Duffy
Tiler	Rose Humway
Justice/Sub.Forum	George Spillers
Trustees	Ray Johnson
	Jeff Miller
	Bob Delbrugge
	Joe Pernell
	Chuck McKee

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

Jan. 5th – Trustees Mtg - 6:30pm – Lodge
Jan. 5th – Lodge Mtg – 7pm – Lodge
Jan. 18th – Youth Activ. Mtg – 6pm – Soup Kitchen
Jan. 19th – PER Mtg – 6:30pm – Lodge
Jan. 19th – Lodge Mtg – 7pm – Lodge
Jan. 19th – House Comm. Mtg – 8:15pm – Lodge

Feb. 2nd – PER Night! 5pm – Lodge
Feb. 2nd – Lodge Mtg. – 7pm – Lodge
Feb. 2nd – Trustees Mtg – 8:15pm – Lodge
Feb. 5th – Super Bowl Party – 2:00pm – Lodge
Feb. 15th – Youth Activ. Mtg – 6pm – Soup Kitchen
Feb. 16th – PER Mtg – 6:30pm – Lodge
Feb. 16th – Lodge Mtg – 7pm – Lodge
Feb. 16th – House Comm. Mtg – 8:15pm – Lodge
Feb. 18th – PER Valentine’s Dance – 8:00pm - Lodge

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE:

For November, the Committee selected Lee Mendenhall, a football player at Wheeling Park High School, and Mark Dodd, a football player at The Linsly School, as its Ohio County Co-Athletes of the Month, and Alexis Montes, a girls volleyball player at John Marshall High School, as its Marshall County Athlete of the Month. For December, the Committee selected Gino Bianconi, a football player at Wheeling Central Catholic High School, as its Ohio County Athlete of the Month, and Maria Tennant, a girls soccer player at John Marshall High School, as the Marshall County Athlete of the Month.

In the Student of the Month competition, the Committee selected Emma Dolan and Errin Baynes, both from Wheeling Park High School, as its Students of the Month for November. The Committee also selected Catherine Breault and Morgan Pelley, both of Bishop Donahue High School, as its Students of the Month for December.

STATE MAJOR PROJECT: The Major Project of the WV Elks Association consists of 2 handicapped children’s camps in the Morgantown and Princeton areas of the State. Although the camps will not be held again until next Summer, it is not too early to begin thinking about ways you can support those camps. In particular, I encourage you to review the Major Project “Wish List” which is posted on the bulletin board at the Lodge. It contains a list of items greatly needed by the Camps each year. Anyone wishing to donate one or more items on that list should contact our Lodge Chairperson, Debbie Miller, at (304) 845-8948.

PER NIGHT Plan now to attend PER Night on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at the Lodge. Many of Wheeling’s living PERs are expected to attend. Glen Shook is President of the Wheeling PER Association. Other officers include Milan Vosvick, Vice President, and Jeff Miller, Secretary/Treasurer. Glen has also been elected Vice President North of the State PER Association.

TIP OF THE ANTLERS

- To Pat Duffy for constructing, painting and donating to the Lodge a large patriotic podium bearing the Elks logo for use at the Lodge.
- To Cathy Miller, Rich Miller and Dave Buzzard for providing the beautiful Christmas decorations at our Lodge facility.
- To Riesbeck’s Food Markets, Inc. for funding a festive Christmas dinner for some 75 boys and girls attending the Lodge’s Just For Kids Program at the Wheeling Soup Kitchen on December 21, 2011.
- To PER Lewis Newman for using his secret recipe to enable a large number of members to enjoy two gallons of special eggnog and a host of homemade cookies and other goodies following the Lodge meeting on December 15, 2011.
- To member Bob Zani for providing funds that assisted the Lodge in acquiring its new pool table.
- To Gary Nisperly for his donation of an historic Jim Beam bottle commemorating the 100th anniversary of the Order of Elks in 1968.
- To all those members who generously contributed to the Wheeling Elks mortgage fund.

IMPACT GRANT/“JUST FOR KIDS UPDATE” As this issue went to press, the Lodge was preparing to embark upon its 4th and final year of the Just For Kids Program. As all of you know by now, that Program is conducted in conjunction with the Wheeling Soup Kitchen. Every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm, the Elks and the Soup Kitchen provide a free meal to any school-aged child who attends. If you have not already volunteered to help out with this Program, please contact Project Manager, Steve Vogrin, at (304) 277-2080 to learn how you can be a part of this Program.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The following Members have not yet paid any dues for the 2011-2012 Lodge year: Kathleen Ackermann, Adam Angel, Don Brackett, Michael Contraguerro, Jr., David George, Gary Goddard, Kenneth Groome, Bob Hazlett, Tom Hazlett, Stephen Herndon, J.D. Miller, Bruce Moore, Robert Nettles, Ernest Phillips, Jason Schubert, Scott Smith, Sharon Thomas, and Ronald Wood.

In addition, the following member has not yet paid their second half dues (\$20) for the 2011-2012 Lodge year: Albert Feenerly.

If your name is on either of these lists, please contact Secretary Haynes immediately to make arrangements to pay your dues.

NCAA HOOPS DRAWING Under the supervision of Lodge Trustee Jeff Miller, the Lodge will again be holding its Annual NCAA Basketball Tournament Drawing. The cost is \$35/ticket. Each ticket gets you one team from the field of 68. Your ticket also gains you access to two special Elks parties at the Lodge on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 and Monday, April 2, 2012. Plan now to purchase at least one ticket this year. To "reserve" a ticket/tickets now, call Ray Johnson at 304-281-9000 or Jeff Miller at 304-233-3511. More details to follow in the March/April edition of the Cervus Alces.

CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT: One hundred twenty needy families in the Wheeling area received Christmas food baskets from Wheeling Lodge on Sunday, December 18, 2011. A large number of members and their families showed up at our Lodge facility on Sunday morning to pack the baskets. Members of the U.S. Army Reserve 463rd and 305th Units assisted in delivering the baskets in Army vehicles. Among the items in each basket were a whole chicken, potatoes, onions, apples, canned vegetables, cereal, bread and cookies. PER Rick Hollandsworth again volunteered his time to cook a hot lunch for all in attendance. As this issue went to press, the following members and friends of Lodge No. 28 had donated funds for the Food Basket Program this year. We deeply appreciate your generosity. Raymond Johnson, II, Joseph Duffy, Lawrence Kalaskey, Gloria Delbrugge, Robert Delbrugge, Jack Cisney, Charles Majewski, Frank Bonacci, David Buzzard, Charles White, Patrick Belby, G. Ogden Nutting, Robert Jones, John Pinto, A.J. Gray, Woodrow Knollinger, Robert Schafer, William Freeman, Harold Catlett, William Langmyer, Lewis Newman, William Miller, Eugene Millward, David Sligar, Richard Edge, Carlyle Farnsworth, Lawrence Manning, Richard Campbell, Thomas Ferris, Jeremy McCamic, Edward Duffy, J. Chris Neuhart, II, Ryan Ferns, James Thomas, Carl Remick, W.S. Haines, Paul Zogg, Julie Zogg, T. Carroll McCarthy, Jr., Roy Bowers, Frederick Stamp, Jr., Hugh Stobbs, James Hull, Sr.,

Georgia Hull, Bruno Bettinazzi, Patrick Butler, Charles Duckworth, Roxie Derheimer, Lester Hess, Jr., Joseph Marchlenski, Louis Carl, Pasquale Vespa, Robert Reeves, L.W. Franzheim, Vincent Griffith, Gary R. Knollinger, William Albers, Sr., Clyde Shook, David Johnson, Glen Shook, Cathy Miller, Richard Miller, Gerald Padfield, Walter Wadick, Thomas McCulloch, Samuel Driehorst, James Schreyer, Sr., Dr. Frank Carenbauer, III, Justus Luzader, Brian Warmuth, Howard Posin, Raymond West, James Powell, Jr., Nick Karras, Joseph Gompers, Dolph Santorine, Jr., Carl Carenbauer, John W. Kepner, Gary Nisperly, Milan Vosvick, Patrick Duffy, Jane Duffy, Charles McKee, Les Jones, George Thieroff, Sr., James Breuss, William Valput, Robert McCulloch, Larry Pernell, Sr., Jack Dobkin, Gerald Cook, Clyde Seabright, Jr., Silvio Perilli, Jeffrey Miller, Debbie Miller, Michael Ferns, Sr., Cliff Sligar, Martin Kimball, Robert Wiggins, Robert Tush, Thomas McKenzie, Philip Knierim, Stephen T. Vogrin, Donald Mager, Richard Sargent, Richard Hollandsworth, Robert Miller and Rick Frio.

AMERICANISM ESSAY Several hundred students have already submitted entries in the Wheeling Elks Americanism Essay Contest. Americanism Chairman Pat Duffy reports the number of essays from students in the public and parochial schools in Ohio and Marshall Counties have already doubled the number of entries last year. Pat has arranged for professional educators to grade the essays. The winners and their families will be guests of our Lodge at the Annual Youth Activities Banquet. Wheeling member John Greer, currently serving with the Air Force Reserves, has volunteered to arrange for the Lodge to send a number of the essays to local service men and women currently on active duty in Afghanistan.

ELKS SCHOLARSHIPS: Rebecca Goydel of Wheeling Park High School and Ryan Hughes of Cameron High School have won the Wheeling Elks Scholarships for 2011-2012.

Each will receive \$1,000 from Wheeling Elks Lodge No. 28, according to Youth Activities Chairman Joe Marchlenski. Both are eligible for further State and National Elks Scholarships.

Rebecca is a member of the National Honor Society and served as Treasurer of the Leo Club. She is 20th in her class of 402. She attended Rhododendron Girls State and volunteers as an usher for the Wheeling Symphony.

Ryan was selected Student of the Year at his high school. A member of the National Honor Society, he is first in his class of 63. Ryan was selected as a member of the All-Mason-Dixon football, basketball and baseball teams.

"We believe it is important to recognize outstanding leadership and scholarship qualities in the youth of Wheeling," said Elks Exalted Ruler Charles Majewski. "We are proud that more than \$4 million in scholarships is awarded nationally by the Elks each year."

ADOPT-A-VETERAN Wheeling Lodge helps local veterans it has “adopted” throughout the year. A shining holiday example occurred when Americanism Chairman Pat Duffy treated Paul Zimmerman, a 92-year-old local veteran, to a shopping spree at the Highlands and a complete catfish dinner on December 14, 2011. Thanks, Pat, for caring.

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Wheeling members Pat and Jane Duffy, together with members Bob and Gloria Delbrugge and 12-year-old Patrick Duffy, traveled on Saturday, December 10, 2011 to the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Washington County, Pennsylvania. All five represented Wheeling Lodge in helping place some 4,000 wreaths on all of the graves in the cemetery. Several of the wreaths had been purchased with donations from members of Wheeling Lodge.



Lodge Veterans Chairman Pat Duffy places a wreath on the grave of Allen Lucious of Wheeling at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies

LODGE MORTGAGE FUNDRAISER: As this issue went to press, the Lodge had received \$10,595 in donations to date. The Lodge Trustees are now negotiating with our mortgage holder to pay down our mortgage with all donations received, and to secure a better interest rate on the remaining balance to be paid. The Trustees are also working on getting the commemorative plaque made up to honor all of our donors.

HUNTINGTON CONVENTION The 104th Annual Convention of the West Virginia Elks Association will be held April 27-29, 2012 at the Pullman Plaza in Huntington. All Elks are welcome to attend. Why not join other Wheeling officers and their spouses at this event. There are plenty of social activities in addition to the business meeting. See any Wheeling officer for a reservation application.

SOCCER SHOOT: On November 5, 2011, the Youth Activities Committee conducted its annual Soccer Shoot Contest at the Soccer fields near Wheeling Park High School. More than 60 local youth soccer players participated in the event. This year’s local winners were Olivia Spradling, U-8 girls; Alex Carter, U-8 boys; Emma Delk, U-10 girls; Mason Marnell, U-10 boys; Lauren Schultz, U-12 girls; Donald “Trip” Meredith, U-12 boys; Betsy Brossman, U-14 girls; and Wally

Millette, U-14 boys. All of our first place winners advanced to participate in the State Soccer Shoot Contest on November 19, 2011 near Sistersville, WV.

At the State Contest, place winners included Emma Delk, Lauren Schultz and Trip Meredith, each 1st place; Olivia Spradling, 2nd place; Mason Marnell and Wally Millette, each 3rd place; and Alex Carter, 4th place. Emma Delk, Lauren Schultz and Trip Meredith will now each advance to the Elks Mid-Atlantic Regional Soccer Shoot in March. The Youth Activities Committee congratulates all of these youth.



Shown receiving their trophies/awards following the State Soccer Shoot Contest are, from left, Trip Meredith, Wally Millette, Lauren Schultz, Mason Marnell and Emma Delk.

HOOP SHOOT RESULTS: Six local girls and boys were crowned champions in the Elks Hoop Shoot Contest on December 17, 2011 at Wheeling Jesuit University. All six of these individuals will represent Wheeling Lodge at the Northern District Hoop Shoot Contest on January 14, 2012 in Weirton. Following the local Contest, member Jonathan Greer was the winner of the annual Half Court Shoot Competition.



Wheeling’s local winners, shown from left, included: Gracelyn Hanna, girls 8-9 Division; Josie Purpura, girls 10-11 Division; Bethany Rose, girls 12-13 Division; Koltin Kleeh, boys 12-13 Division;

Milo Merrick, boys 10-11 Division; and J. C. Maxwell, boys 8-9 Division.

SIX OF DIAMONDS: The pot thus far is up to \$486.00. The drawing is held at the conclusion of every Lodge meeting. Those are held on the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. You can purchase as many tickets as you want for \$1 per ticket. There are now 33 of the 52 cards remaining. You cannot win if you do not attend the Lodge meetings and play.

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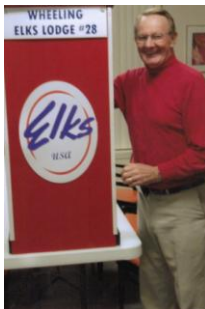
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WIN A BUCK DRAWINGS: The pot for the daily drawing is at \$66.00. You can sign up for a mere \$.25 during Lodge meetings. You do not need to be present to win the entire amount when your name is pulled from the jar. The names of Frank Smola, William Persinger, James Burns and Jason Rosnick were recently pulled but they were not signed up.

The weekly pot is now back to \$50.00. At the Lodge meeting on December 15, 2011, PER Bob Delbrugge won the weekly pot of \$613.00. Congratulations to Bob! Prior to Bob's name being pulled, the names of Pam Obyc, Gary Nisperly and Doug Hennen were recently pulled but they were not signed up. The cost is \$1 to sign up. A winner is drawn at each Lodge meeting.

The monthly pot is now \$232.50 and the cost is \$5 to sign up. A monthly winner is drawn on the 1st Thursday of each month. Again, you do not have to be present to win. The names of Bernie Glenn and Jay Gill were recently pulled but they were not signed up.



PER Pat Duffy constructed and painted this new podium for Wheeling Lodge.